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9/15/03**Applicant:** Dudley et al./**Serial No.:** 09/876,567**Filed:** June 7, 2001**For:** COATING EDGE CONTROL**Examiner:** Scaltrito, D.**Group Art Unit:** 1746**Docket No.** 55806US002
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The remarks below respond to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003.

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. Claims 25-35 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 17, 21, 22, 36, 39-41, 43, 47-49, and 52-55 are rejected. Claims 3, 6-9, 11-16, 18-20, 23, 24, 37, 38, 42, 44-46, 50, 51, and 56 are objected to.

With this response, no claims are amended or added. Claims 1-56 remain pending in the application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on September 4, 2003. It is respectfully submitted that this response, filed on September 4, 2003, is timely filed. It is believed that no fee is necessary in filing this response. However, if a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify the undersigned of the same.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.